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## **HOGSETT'S VIOLENT CRIME INITIATIVE RESULTS IN AN INDICTMENT ON SERIOUS WEAPONS AND DRUG OFFENSES OCCURRING IN ANDERSON**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

INDIANAPOLIS - Joseph H. Hogsett, United State Attorney, announced today that Charles T. Black, Jr., 36, originally from Evansville, Indiana, was charged today with unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, two counts of possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking offense, and possession with intent to distribute cocaine and possession with intent to distribute marijuana following a joint Federal-State investigation by the Anderson Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives.

This case was indicted pursuant to the U.S. Attorney's Office Violent Crime Initiative. In March of this year, U.S. Attorney Hogsett announced a comprehensive strategy to combat drug traffickers and criminals that use and carry firearms in their illegal activities. The district-wide initiative aggressively employs a multi-agency law enforcement approach to investigate, arrest, and aid in the prosecution of violent, repeat offenders and criminal organizations. To date, the initiative has yielded extraordinary cooperation between federal and state law enforcement and has resulted in the arrest and prosecution of the "worst of the worst" criminal offenders.

According to a criminal complaint issued on April 25, 2011, Black was arrested in October of 2009, after Anderson Police Officer John Branson conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle being driven by Black on Interstate 69 in Madison County, Indiana. As Black's vehicle was coming to a stop Black threw a bag of cocaine and a bag of marijuana out the window.

When Officer Branson's trained narcotics detecting canine conducted a free air sniff of the exterior of Black's vehicle, it gave a positive alert for the presence of drugs inside. A search of Black's vehicle resulted in the discovery of a loaded Sig Sauer 9mm semiautomatic handgun, a loaded Hi-Point .380 caliber semiautomatic handgun, an extended magazine with several

rounds of additional live ammunition, cocaine, marijuana, a set of digital scales, and four bottles of "Blunt Busters" deodorizing spray.

The indictment alleges that at the time Black possessed the semiautomatic handguns he had previously been convicted of burglary in 1993, attempted burglary in 1995, carrying a handgun without a license in 1996, resisting law enforcement in 2001, and dealing in cocaine in 2005, all in Marion County, Indiana Superior Court.

Black is currently in the Marion County Jail after United States Magistrate Judge Kennard P. Foster ordered him detained after a detention hearing on May 3, 2011. According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Barry D. Glickman, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Black faces a minimum of 25 years in prison if convicted after trial. Black's trial is set for July 18, 2011, before the Honorable Tonya Walton Pratt in United States District Court in Indianapolis.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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